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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] HARRY S TRUMAN, *served with a subpoena to testify before House Un-American Activities Committee*: "I'm not surprised at anything. I am a very hard person to surprise." . . . [2] Sen JOHN S COOPER (R-Ky): "I don't think there is any easy, magic solution to the farm problem, and I think the President ought to tell the people so. He should explain the situation as his administration found it, and what he is trying to do." . . . [3] EZRA TAFT BENSON, Sec'y of Agriculture: "The Dep't of Agriculture has no appetite, nor any digestive tract. It cannot eat surpluses." . . . [4] RICHARD NIXON, U S V-Pres, *addressing British businessmen in Hong Kong*: "We tried a policy of not being skeptical during the closing yrs of War II, and Communists took over 600 million people without losing a single soldier. So it is our duty to be skeptical." . . . [5] Rep CHAS B BROWNSON (R-Ind) *chmn of a sub-committee investigating conditions in Korea*: "Some of the fixed

Quote of the Week

Sen WM E JENNER (R-Ind) *commenting on alleged subversive activities in super-secret Office of Strategic Services during War II*: "We shall never know how much the war was prolonged, how many lives were sacrificed, or how many billions of dollars were added to the taxpayers' burden because of subversive elements in the OSS organization."

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attitudes of Pres Rhee are further complicating the complex problems of reconstruction and rehabilitation. Pres Rhee, for example, wants to rebuild the Fed'l bldg, just because the Japanese built it, ignoring the fact that it is more serviceable than some of our State houses in the U S." . . . [6] WINSTON CHURCHILL, British Prime Minister, *on eve of 79th b'day (Nov 30)*: "Work does not diminish, and strength does not increase."

THIRTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION



This issue of QUOTE will be mailed before Harry S Truman makes his appearance before the House Un-American Activities Committee. However, we forecast that the subpoena strategy may embarrass his political opponents far more than it is likely to damage the ex-president.

The move seems incredibly inept. A man who has served as President of the United States should be, save in the most exceptional instance, immune from such vilipendency. There are other less drastic measures available to the Committee.

Mr Truman's dignity has been affronted. His resentment and anger deeply aroused. His enemies have unwittingly placed him in the position of a martyr. It is a role for which he is not ill-prepared.

No temperate person of either party should question Mr Truman's personal loyalty. He is not on trial. The evidence thus far points toward a conclusion that there was negligence—criminal negligence, it may well be—on the part of someone in the official family who failed properly to interpret and evaluate confidential information. The purpose is to determine, if we may now do so, where the responsibility properly should be placed.

It is always misleading to view a circumstance of the past in present perspective. Eight yrs ago we had but lately concluded a war in which Russia fought as our valiant ally; a war in which we freely gave the Soviet everything including, quite literally, the kitchen sink. An attitude of friendliness yet prevailed. Talk of Russian espionage was scarcely more credible in the gen'l mind than would have been gossip of Britain's intended infamy.

Neither Pres Truman nor the most sapient citizen amongst us had, in '45 or '46 the informed background of '53.



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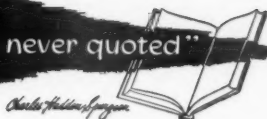
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ACTION—1

The question for each man to settle is not what he would do if he had the means, time, influence, and educational advantages; but what will he do with the things he has.—*Missionary Tidings*.

ADVERTISING—2

The immense impact of commercial adv'g and the mass media on our lives is . . . an impact that tends to encourage passivity, to encourage acquiescence and uniformity, to place handicaps on individual contemplativeness and creativeness. — GEO F KENNAN, "Communism & Conformity," *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*.

ART—3

An artist is a person who has the ability to present forms so that they not only have meaning to himself, but also have meaning to others; and which, without his vision, might never have been seen or recognized as beauty.—*American Artists Group, Zorach Explains Sculpture*.

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A painter is as young as his paintings.—*American Artist*.

BEHAVIOR—4

Human behavior is like a centipede, standing on many legs.—*LAWRENCE S KUBIE, "Some Unsolved Problems of the Scientific Career," American Scientist*.

BOOKS—Reading—5

Living can never become dull and commonplace for the individual who can explore new realms

of human experience thru the pages of books. Reading provides mat'l for the bldg of ideals, ambitions, and attitudes.—*The Bulletin*, published by Inst of Child Study, Univ of Toronto.

CHRISTIANITY—6

There are nearly three non-Christians to every two Christians in the world. Of an est'd global population of 2,440,000,000, about one billion believe in Christ.—*LAWRENCE GALTON, American Mag.*

CHURCH—Guidance—7

A mother took her little girl to school for the 1st time. Near their home, and visible from the school, was a church with a tall steeple. "When you come out of school," the mother said, "just look for the white steeple and walk toward it; you will get home safely."

All went well until the 3rd day, when the teacher dismissed the class thru a side door. The child could not see the steeple and began to cry. An understanding teacher led her to the front of the bldg, where the steeple could be readily seen.

We all need something to guide us in this life. If we do not have it there is danger of our becoming lost. We love our church because it provides the "steeple" which prevents us from becoming lost.—*WILBUR LA ROE, JR, The Church We Love (Abingdon-Cokesbury)*.

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Sen Ralph E Flanders (R-Vt) emerged as Hero of the Wk of Washington news photographers. He was presiding at session of Senate Preparedness Subcomm. where Army Sec'y Rob't T B Stevens was testifying. As photographers leaned on table, seeking "human interest" shot, Stevens became nervous, asked that they be evicted. "I know we are discussing a serious matter," the Senator temporized, "but give the boys a smile, if you can." Stevens broke into a grin; cameras clicked.

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Item on Washington Post society page rep'ted that ordinary casserole of beans baked by Mrs Chas E Wilson (wife of Defense Sec'y) sold at charity bazaar for \$5. Headline: "What These Beans Lacked Was Humility."

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Sidelight on 50th anniv of Teddy Bear: Toy was born after late Pres Theodore Roosevelt was photographed with bear cub, found while hunting. Roosevelt himself gave permission for stuffed bears to be mkt'd as "Teddy's Bear."

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King Paul, of Greece, told luncheon partner in Washington he had wanted to attend Queen Elizabeth's coronation in London. "But I was told," the King confessed, "that I was not expected. I telephoned the King of Sweden and told him we'd have to get together and break up this discrimination against Kings!"

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DEMOCRACY—8

What western democracy really stands for is the only basis for a decent human existence.—FARID S HANANIA, prof at American U of Beirut, Lebanese Republic, "Tension in the Arab Near East," *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.

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The democratic issue in its simplest terms is to make responsibility keep pace with centralization. — ALEXANDER BRADY, *Democracy in the Dominions* (Univ of Toronto Press, Canada).

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Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible; man's capacity for injustice makes democracy necessary.—REV DONALD T ROWLINGSON, *Christian Advocate*.

EDUCATION—9

American public schools have the responsibility of raising up a nation of men and women highly literate, accurately informed about their own country and about other countries in the world, as well as trained in the processes of rational and critical thought. If the schools fail in this, then we may expect to see the collapse or defeat of democratic self-gov't thru the sheer inability of the electorate to grapple intelligently with the complex problems of our international world. — JOHN WESLEY COULTER, Univ of Cincinnati, "The Importance of Human Geography in Secondary Education Today," *Jnl of Geography*, 9-'53.

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The mistake most often made concerning education is that it is considered an end to be achieved. Education should not be a destination—but a road we travel all the days of our lives.—*Ties*.

Mining the Magazines



An interesting recent innovation in the magazine field is the 3-D comic book. First in the field was *Mighty Mouse*, issued by St John Pub Co. Two quick printings of a million each sold out almost overnight on a relatively few newsstands. Other publishers are scrambling wildly to get in on the bonanza. Where most comics sell for a dime, the new 3-D's are priced at 25c, mainly because a pr of paper-rimmed polaroid glasses is stitched into the binding of each magazine. A combination of red and greenish-blue inks present a rather dull-looking book, in contrast to highly-colored conventional comics. But with the aid of glasses, pictures take on arresting life-like qualities. Kids like 'em!

Whether 3-D books stick depends a good deal on ingenuity of publishers. It's a potentially powerful technique, but a sustained demand calls for mat'l of high imaginative quality.

Electrical World speculates on whether Gen'l Electric baby derby couldn't come under head of a planned project. To celebrate 75th anniv, GE gave 5 shares of stock to each infant born to a GE worker on Oct 15. Announcement was made 9 mo's and one day in advance. Company expected about 44 claimants, had 181. Schenectady, with average daily birth rate of 12 produced 39 to GE workers alone.

Speaking of Gen'l Electric, their engineers—we read in *Nature Mag*

We quote, without comment, our translation of an item from *La Vie Laitiere*, Paris: "The increase in the production of milk in France is closely related to the question of water supply."

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(Nov) have been checking up on the lightning bug. Result is the discovery that it would take 137,000 lightning bugs, all lighting up at one time, to give out as much light as one 60-watt inside-frosted light bulb—that's a GE bulb, of course.

Dr Nathan W Shock, chief of gerontology section, Nat'l Heart Inst, interviewed in current *U S News & World Rep't*, says there is "no indication of a break" in the increasing longevity rate. (Average life span is now 69.8 yrs, compared with 63 yrs a decade ago.) We start aging at 30, but "may expect to live longer" with each succeeding generation.

Magazines are badly crippled by rising costs, but there seems little basis for dire prediction that TV would rob them of ad revenue. At least a dozen big jnls can claim all-time high records for ad volume in Fall issues. *Life* recently ran 4 issues each carrying over \$3 million in advertising.

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It's an **IDEA**

Up in Minnesota there is an insurance man who takes with him on his rounds among the farmers an all-round farm hand. When he calls on a farmer who is plowing, or pitching hay, or milking cows and says he hasn't time to listen, the agent's farm hand continues with the farmer's work. Under such circumstances the farmer will invariably sit down and lend an ear.—Friendly Thoughts.

FAMILY LIFE—10

Today's housewife is a combination cook, purchasing agent, business mgr, interior decorator, seamstress, hostess and public-relations counsel for the entire family. One home economist points out there are no less than 129 different skills involved in homemaking.—GERALD EHRLICH, "What Every Wife Should Know," *This Wk*, 11-1-'53.

GIFTS—Giving—11

A philanthropist is a rare type of liberal who is liberal with his own money.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

GOOD—Evil—12

The last word in ignorance is the man who says of an animal or plant: "What good is it?" If the land mechanism as a whole is good, then every part of it is good, whether we understand it or not.—*Round River*, from the Jnls of ALDO LEOPOLD, edited by LUNA LEOPOLD (Oxford Univ Press).

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HEAVEN—Hell—13

The children of a generation which lost its belief in a life after death have not recaptured their ancestors' belief in eternal damnation. Unable to establish a kingdom of heaven on earth, they have discovered only that man can make his own hell.—QUINCY HOWE, "The Past 50 Yrs and the Next," *Saturday Review*, 11-7-'53.

INCOME—Expenditures—14

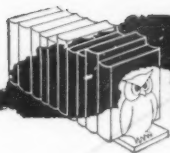
Americans spent an estimated \$9,570,000,000 in '52 for alcoholic beverages, \$700 million of which was spent for "business purposes," such as entertaining buyers, clients, etc. Other expenditures included: tobacco, \$8,870,000,000; recreation, \$11,716,000,000; private education and research, \$2,199,000,000; and religious and welfare activities, \$2,148,000,000. The latter represented 1% of total expenditures.—*Commerce Dep't report*.

INDIVIDUAL—Action—15

In our haste to bld Utopia we must remember it is not the regimentation of economic forces that is needed, but rather the discipline of the individual. The answer to our problems will be found in the abiding springs of action in the human heart. — W W ARGOW, quoted by Dr KENNETH MCFARLAND, "The Educated Heart," *Nat'l Educational Sec'y*, 10-'53.

KINDNESS—16

Kindness is the oil that takes friction out of life.—*Woodmen of the World Mag.*



Book Briefs

We deem it now our duty to bring you up to date on the status of the Saucer. There are, you know, 2 new books on the subject—*Flying Saucers From Outer Space*, by Maj Donald E Keyhoe (Holt) and *Flying Saucers Have Landed* by Desmond Leslie & Geo Adamski (British Book Center). The Keyhoe book is the more credible and authoritative. Maj Keyhoe (a retired officer of the Marine Corps) is author of an earlier volume, *Flying Saucers are Real*. It has been his conviction for some yrs that we are being watched by beings from outer space. The present work deals largely with the Air Force study of "unidentified flying objects." The publishers are featuring, in their promotion, a letter from an Air Force public relations officer which they present as tacit admission that our Gov't now accepts the saucer as a visitation from another world. The letter concludes, "... if the apparently controlled maneuvers rep'ted by many competent observers are correct, then the only remaining explanation is the interplanetary answer."

The other book—particularly the 2nd section by Geo Adamski—reads like the more fantastic type of science fiction. Adamski not only claims many sightings of space ships, but relates in considerable detail his meeting with a man from Mars (or more accurately, Venus). The encounter, he says,

took place in the Arizona desert on Nov 29, '52. The visitor descended in a strange craft and approached Adamski with a gesture of friendliness. He is described as a beautiful young man with long, flowing hair, attired in a costume somewhat resembling a ski-suit, fashioned of a fabric quite unknown to our world. They conversed, the author asserts, primarily with gestures and a form of telepathic communication. The encounter was obviously on a friendly plane. It lasted about an hr, then the stranger got into his craft and flew away.

This summary we present without comment. In the philosophy of Uncle Remus, we simply give you the tale as it was g'n't to us.

If your taste turns to more scientific aspects of the stellar story, we suggest *Stars in the Making*, by Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin (Harvard Univ Press). This deals (in lay fashion) with the evolution of the universe—described as a vast stage on which the cosmological drama of stellar development is presented. The actors are the stars and stellar systems. The performance began 10 million yrs ago, but since it is scheduled to continue for several billion yrs longer, you still have time to take in the late show.

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Areopagitica

We know JOHN MILTON as an immortal poet. We should recall, too, that freedom was the great passion of his long life. On this 345th anniv of Milton's birth we present a few lines from *Areopagitica*, his classic speech to the Parliament of England for the liberty of unlicensed printing. It is now a good season to resurrect and read anew this document, one of the soundest discourses on the evils of censorship ever written in the English language:

... for books are not absolutely dead things, but do contain a potency of life in them to be as active as that soul was whose progeny they are; nay they do preserve as in a vial the purest efficacy and extraction of that living intellect that bred them. I know they are as lively, and as vigorously productive, as those fabulous dragons teeth; and being sown up and down may chance to spring up armed men.

And yet, on the other hand, unless wariness be used, as good almost kill a man as kill a good book; who kills a man kills a reasonable creature, God's image; but he who destroys a good book kills reason itself, kills the image of God, as it were in the eye. . . . We should be wary therefore what persecution we raise up against the living labors of public men...

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LIFE—Living—17

We must face life as it is and understand that diversity is its most essential feature. . . . Fear of difference is dread of life itself.—MARY PARKER FOLLETT, *Creative Experience*, (Longmans, Green).

MARRIED LIFE—18

Some men think twice before leaving their wives for an evening. First they think up an excuse for going out, then a reason why she can't go too.—*Pipe Dreams*, hm, Universal Concrete Pipe Co.

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Too often the bonds of matrimony fail to draw enough interest.—W HOWE MOODY, *Redbook*.

MIND—19

An intellectual is a man whose training, experience and study have led him to see complexities where others see simple blacks and whites.—JOHN COGLEY, “Humility,” *Commonweal*, 11-6-'53.

MODERN AGE—20

By the end of the century, solar energy will be the dominating factor in the production of industrial power. The practical utilization of this inexhaustible source of energy, together with the resulting great changes in the production of food, will have enormous effects on the economic and hence political relations of nations.—JAS B CONANT, former pres, Harvard Univ, now U S High Commissioner to W Germany.

NATIONALISM—21

One cannot be a lover of mankind before he becomes a lover of his own nation.—WM W BRICKMAN, *Clearing House*.

Pathways to the Past



Week of
Dec 6-12

Internat'l Golden Rule Wk

10 years ago

Dec 6—Feast of St Nicholas. . . 30 yrs ago (1923) Calvin Coolidge spoke 1st presidential message ever broadcast by radio.

Dec 7—Feast of St Ambrose. . . Pietro Mascagni, Italian composer (*Cavalleria Rusticana*) b 90 yrs ago (1863). . . 15 yrs ago *St Louis Post-Dispatch* (which this wk celebrates 75th anniv of merging of *Post* and *Dispatch* under Jos Pulitzer) issued 1st radio facsimile daily newspaper. It was merely an experiment to demonstrate possibilities of a new medium. . . 12th anniv Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Dec 8 — Feast of Immaculate Conception. . . Arrival of "Casket Girls" in New Orleans provided mild excitement 225 yrs ago (1728). They came as wives for Louisiana settlers. Each was presented with a new gown in a small chest, or casket. . . Proclamation of Amnesty and Reconstruction issued by Pres Lincoln 90 yrs ago (1863).

Dec 9—345th anniv of b of John Milton (*Paradise Lost*) one of the world's great poets. He was born in London in 1608. . . 105th anniv of b of Joel Chandler Harris (1848). (*Br'er Rabbit* is, of course, much older.) Harris set down the folk stories of Southern Negroes, weaving them around a central narrator, *Uncle Remus*.

From the files of QUOTE: "We recognize fully the responsibility resting upon us and all the United Nations to make a peace which will . . . banish the scourge and terror of war for many generations. We will welcome . . . as they may choose to come into the world family of democratic nations . . . all nations, large and small, whose peoples in heart and in mind are dedicated . . . to elimination of tyranny, slavery, oppression and intolerance." *From a declaration of the "Big Three" in conference at Tehran.*

Dec 10—55 yrs ago (1898) Philippines, Puerto Rico and Guam were ceded to U S under a treaty ending the Spanish-American War. At the same time Spain surrendered sovereignty over Cuba. Puerto Rico and Guam were war indemnities. U S paid \$20 million for the Philippines; granted them independence July 4, 1946.

Dec 11—110th anniv b of Rob't Koch (1843) German physician, renowned as discoverer of bacillus of tuberculosis and cholera.

Dec 12—Feast of Virgin of Guadalupe. . . Bible Society of Philadelphia (1st in U S) org 145 yrs ago (1808).

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"Of all things!"

With the exception of a few very large cities, where congestion is a continuing problem, in another 25 yrs or less our metropolitan slums will be a thing of the past. But the departure is not, we must confess, motivated by strongly idealistic reasons.

Our tenements are rapidly disappearing. Some have been condemned and destroyed. Many more are voluntarily demolished; they are no longer profitable. The land on which they stand is more valuable for business structures.

Several factors have combined to doom the tenement, but the most significant is perhaps the passing of the poor. Today wage-earners in almost every category are prospering. An educated younger generation sets higher standards. Thus, workers are emerging from the slums, leaving only the dregs and derelicts.

But de-centralization brings a new problem. The slums are moving to the country. On the edges of every great city have emerged endless rows of "shoe-box" structures. Hastily thrown together in the early days of the housing famine, they were sold to the desperate and unwary on tempting terms. Mortgaged for far more than they are worth, these cheap-john houses are already falling apart. Tomorrow they will be blights on the landscape. And no one has a ready solution for their removal.

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Man's progress is like the advance of a child into the sea. The further he advances the further out of his depth he gets.—*Times*, London.

RELAXATION—23

Relaxation is not something you *do*; it is something you *don't* do.—*Jos A KENNEDY, Relax & Live* (Prentice-Hall).

RELIGION—24

That which moves men to dramatic action in roles other than their natural ones is in fact their religion . . . that of the American pioneer was not Protestantism, but the conquest of nature and the winning of the frontier. — *LEWIS MUMFORD, The Conduct of Life* (Harcourt, Brace).

RESOURCES—25

"Every man," Judd Allen counseled, "needs a well spring of strength—a green valley."—*ERLE KAUFFMAN, "Green Valleys," American Forests*, 10-'53.

SECURITY—26

We will never have real safety and security for the wage earners unless we provide for safety and security for the wage payers and the wage savers, and then, by all means, protection for both against reckless wasters and wage spenders.—*WM J H BOETCKER, Forbes*.

SPEECH—Speaking—27

Admirer, to senatorial candidate: "I liked the straightforward way you dodged those issues." — *Nat'l Safety News*.

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Too many speakers finish their speeches before they stop talking. —*Indianapolis Times*.

TEACHERS—Teaching—28

One thing only . . . prevents our established system of education from crumbling into the dust and ashes of the minds that devised it, and that is the stubborn virtue of individual teachers.—ALBERT LYND, *Quackery in the Public Schools* (Little, Brown).

QUOTE For Christmas

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WORK—29

Work brings out the best and the noblest in human beings. It is as necessary for happy living as is the trellis for the vine.—Dr BRADFORD MURPHEY, "Know Thyself," *Nat'l Educational Sec'y*, 10-'53.

In Brief

Retail store vacancies is one sign noted by economists in judging gen'l business activity. "For Rent" signs are now seen in some choice downtown locations in larger cities. Realtors blame stubborn landlords who won't reduce rents; point also to growing suburban-store trend. * Another business: barometer is the "Help Wanted" ad. B K Davis & Bros, Phila, publishers of *Help Wanted Trend* point out that a Jan survey of nation's newspapers showed 73.6% gaining in Help Wanted, 26.4% losing. In Sept, the figures were practically reversed: 73.5% showed losses, only 23.5% showed gains.

The newspaper money-men, holding a convention in Louisville, invited top tax gatherer, T Coleman Andrews, to address them. The Commissioner looked over the crowd, noted high percentage of women present, and gently reminded Controllers and Finance Officers that wives' expenses for such junkets aren't tax-deductible!

Beer for belles is a late innovation—the new brew, especially for women, is "calorie-controlled" and less bitter than conventional beer, but with full alcoholic content. * No point in checking that bag to save red-cap fee. ICC has ruled that 123 railroads east of Mississippi may charge 25c for each piece of hand-luggage checked, 50c for each trunk. Traditionally, roads have carried 150 lbs free.

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Good Stories..... you can use

Mrs X was hurrying to leave with a friend who was driving her to a club meeting. In her haste she broke a hand mirror. "Good heavens!" she cried. "I suppose that means seven yr's bad luck!"

"Don't be superstitious," said her friend reassuringly. "I knew a woman who did the same thing and it didn't bring her seven yr's bad luck. She ran her car into a telegraph pole the very next wk—killed her instantly." — FRANCES RODMAN. a

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A cherry grower in Canada notified the packing co that he had 10 crates of cherries to be picked up, and that he would leave them ready on his front porch. The pickup arrived at the house, and there were the 10 crates, plus a carbd sign reading: "Ten More Crates on Back Porch, Too."

With great difficulty the driver maneuvered his truck around the narrow lane up to the back porch, to find only another sign: "Never Mind, I Didn't Have Them Ready." — Maclean's. b

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A prof who had taught for many yrs was counseling a young teacher. "You will discover," he said, "that in nearly every class there is a youngster eager to argue. Your 1st impulse will be to silence him. I advise you to think carefully before doing so. He probably is the only one listening." — Wall St Jnl. c

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

ANDREW TULLY

A mbr of the British Parliament, in town for the sessions of the Interparliamentary Union, rushed into the House chamber where the sessions were being held. He was anxious to hear a speech by Rep Hale Boggs (D-La) but when he entered the chamber Mr Boggs was not in sight.

Walking up to a Japanese delegate, the Britisher put a question to him in pristine British accents:

"I say there, old man, do you know if Congressman Boggs has been up yet?"

The Japanese gave the Britisher a look drenched with bewilderment, "I'm so sorry," he repl'd. "I speak only English." — Scripps-Howard Newspapers.

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A car screamed into the hospital's emergency entrance and slammed to a stop. An excited young man jumped out, took the steps 3 at a time, and spun thru the revolving door. "What's the trouble, sir?" asked an anxious nurse.

"My wife's going to have a baby."

"Well, bring her in."

"Oh," he explained, "the baby isn't due for another month. I'm just timing myself to see how fast we can get here." — Woodmen of the World Mag. d

Wise Cracks

Mr Jones was mowing the lawn when he saw a large moving van pull up to the door. He rushed in to his wife and asked her what it was all about. "It's the furniture folks," his wife informed him in a whisper. "They've come for the piano."

"But I gave you the money for the next installment," he reminded her.

"Yes, I know, dear," she answered. "I'm going to pay them as soon as they have it downstairs. I've decided to have it in the living room."—*Co-Operator. e*

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The prof loaded his class down with enough problems to keep them engaged for several hrs. After 15 mins, when the instructor was settled comfortably in his swivel chair, his reverie was marred by, "Sir, do you have any more problems?"

Somewhat aghast, the instructor queried, "Do you mean you have finished all those I assigned?"

"No," answered the student, "I couldn't work any of these, so I thought I might have better luck with some others." — *Between Calls. f*

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A teacher, correcting 6th grade English themes on the subject of "Thanksgiving," came across the following: "Today we have just about the same things to eat. But today we do not have Indians for dinner. We have relatives."—*Christian Science Monitor. g*

A woman will go to almost any extreme to put a man back on his feet—if he's comfortable, and her husband.—*O A BATTISTA.*

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Judging by how quickly they can lose their thrones, nowadays, it's a wise ruler who puts something aside for a reignless day. — *KAY INGRAM.*

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The trouble with the Cradle of Liberty is that it needs better baby-sitters.—*KATE M OWNBY.*

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Sooner or later, every husband catches the common scold.—*SANDIE STEVENS.*

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Hollywood: a place where girls ask their husbands for consent to marry.—*Pipe Dreams, hm, Universal Concrete Pipe Co.*

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Diet: Something to take the starch out of you.—*Woman.*

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Our idea of gross ingratitude to benefactors is a TV watcher who sneaks away for something besides sandwiches and beer.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

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Wise girls will note that it's a short drop from a pickup to a let-down.—*Redbook.*

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Behind the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia, the captive citizens are laughing at this story. One afternoon a local store put up a sign announcing it had just received a shipment of watches from the Soviet Union and attracted a long line of would-be buyers. "I think," one fellow said, "I'll join the line — maybe my watch will be among them!"—HY GARDNER, *Parade*.

Our 3rd Ave man rep'ts that the other evening, in one of the refreshment parlors over there, a newly-arrived customer ordered a glass of whiskey and announced that he would be obliged if the bartender would give him a refill whenever he pointed to his glass. "If I do any talking when I'm drinking," he explained, "I get to be the biggest bore in the country."—*New Yorker*. h

In Dundee, Scotland, a gang of teen-age burglars recently broke into a grocery store, made off with 2 doz cans of chocolate cream. Their next crime, later that same night, was committed in a drug store. The loot: 11 bottles of pills for indigestion.—*World*. i

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A boy was sent by his doting parents to a big public school. He had been strictly enjoined to write home regularly and tell them all about himself and his new life.

At the end of a wk his first letter arrived.

"There are 370 boys here," he wrote. "I wish there were 369."—*Tit-Bits*, London. j

Words of Wisdom

When the explaining gets tough, a smart person usually brings psychology into the conversation to distract attention.

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The only way to stop all wars in the world is for the nations of the earth to outlaw peace.

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When a baby who was an armful becomes a child who is a handful, usually the parents have lost their grasp.

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Most people never cast their bread upon the waters until it becomes stale.

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To some people God is just a peg to hang their troubles on.—DAN BENNETT. k

The little boy's mother offered him a hot water bottle to go to sleep with on a particularly chilly night.

Refusing it, he explained, "Wherever I put it, the rest of me gets jealous."—*Woman*, London. l

A dour Scot who was a believer in the economy of words was sent to darkest Africa in charge of a party of oil prospectors.

Several wks later the head office rec'd a cable from him which read: "Send 6 men to replace those eaten by lions yesterday."

In great alarm head office sent back a cable requesting full details of the accident.

Back came the Scot's reply: "No accident. Lions did it on purpose." *Tit-Bits*, London. m



Once In A Gray Moon

Astronomers report a thick layer of dust on the moon.—News item.

By dint of looking long and hard
Upon the heavens, brightly
starred,

Astronomers have noted
The silver moon is growing grayer
With dust in layer upon layer
That leaves it thickly coated.

The cause of this they don't explain,

And we would doubtless ask in vain

For any explanation,
Nor does it really matter much
That scientists should give us such
Celestial information,

Except that now the fact is known,

Explorers will not be alone
That day their space ship lands,
But with them, when their ship arrives

Upon the moon, will be their wives
With dust cloths in their hands.

There's a delightful story going the rounds about a recent visit paid by Beatrice Lillie to Paris. "Bee"—in private life, Lady Peel—ans'd a phone call from a Frenchman. And Bee believes that when in Rome, do as the Romans do; likewise, when in Paris, do as the Parisians do. So she aired her French.

"Ullo, 'ullo," she exclaimed, "C'est Lady Parle qui peel!"—*Tit-Bits*, London. n

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An elderly lady, after long trips thru impressive hallways and an hr of waiting was permitted to see a high-up assistant in the Agricultural Department.

"But I want to see the Sec'y of Agriculture himself," she protested.

"He's not in just now, Madam," said the official. "Can't you tell me what it is you want to see him about?"

"Well," she hesitated—"I have a geranium that isn't doing so well."—*Builders*. o

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He found himself next to the travelled bore at the dinner party and was forced to listen to story after story of hairbreadth escapes and courageous decisions in the face of apparently insurmountable danger.

"Do you know," ended the raconteur triumphantly, "I was once in danger of being prematurely buried?"

The victim fixed him with a dimming eye. "I should hardly have thought it possible," he murmured. p

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Quote-ettes

Spokesman for London's dwindling band of bootblacks: "There ain't no gents left!" (*Definition of "gent": A man who has his shoes blacked daily, even when it rains.*)

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SUN STURGEON, released from W Va prison at age 95: "As long as a man ain't dead, he's in pretty good shape."

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GUY LOMBARDO, band leader, defining a Hollywood home: "A swimming pool entirely surrounded by divorces."

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SECOND CLASS MATTER

News of the NEW

In icy weather, the motorist can lay his own tracks as he rides. Just pull a dashbd control handle. This releases sand from 2 hoppers located in the trunk compartment and drops it in front of each rear wheel. The 2 sand hoppers, located in extreme right and left hand corners of trunk compartment are connected to control handle by means of a shielded cable. Rubber hose runs from each hopper thru trunk floor to front of each rear wheel. (*Conn Telephone and Electric Corp'n, Meriden, Conn.*)

Raymond H Ryzenga of Holland, Mich. has invented a floor

mat which wipes feet as you enter doorway. Device consists of grid work with rotary brushes spaced between bars. When person steps on mat, his weight trips a switch which starts brushes whirling. As he walks over mat, flying brushes knock dirt from shoe soles. (*Science Digest, 200 E Ontario St, Chicago 11, Ill.*)

Snow shoveling is easier on a man's heart with Jacobsen Rotary Snow Plow; lightweight (82 lbs), it clears 16-in path, moves 10-in deep snow at about 85 sq ft a min. Costs \$125; you might make it a neighborhood project. (*Jacobsen Mfg Co, Racine, Wis.*)

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